



# Action Alert

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### Oppose DISCLOSE

Representative Chris Van Hollen (MD-8) introduced the Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections (DISCLOSE) Act as a response to the *Citizens United* Supreme Court ruling. Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) introduced accompanying legislation in the Senate.

The DISCLOSE Act goes so far as to prohibit political speech that was legal before the *Citizens United* decision, leaving us worse off than before! Of particular concern to conservative organizations and businessmen, the DISCLOSE Act:

- Favors unions over corporations. The Act places limitations on American corporations with 20% or more foreign ownership, but these limitations do not apply to labor unions with foreign connections.<sup>1</sup>
- Creates more paperwork. As if Sarbanes-Oxley didn't already kill enough trees, the DISCLOSE Act requires all incorporated entities engaged in independent campaign activity, regardless of size, to report all donors contributing \$600 or more to the Federal Elections Commission (FEC).<sup>2</sup>
- Breeds chaos. The law, if passed and signed, goes into effect 30 days after enactment, giving the FEC the ability to regulate violators despite numerous vague provisions.<sup>3</sup>

The Founding Fathers intended for concerned citizens to exercise their right to oppose a corrupt and expansive government. Let's honor their gift by using our free speech rights to educate and mobilize the grassroots to stop this corrupt bill.

### ACTION ITEMS

- 1) **Distribute this *Action Alert* to your networks.**
- 2) **Call your U.S. [Senators](#) and [Representative](#) and urge them to oppose the DISCLOSE Act.**

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<sup>1</sup> Republican Study Committee. 25 May 2010. [http://rsc.tomprice.house.gov/UploadedFiles/RSC\\_Policy\\_Paper\\_DISCLOSE\\_Act.pdf](http://rsc.tomprice.house.gov/UploadedFiles/RSC_Policy_Paper_DISCLOSE_Act.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Center for Competitive Politics. 27 May 2010. "CCP releases policy briefing on 'DISCLOSE Act'". <http://campaignfreedom.org/newsroom/detail/ccp-releases-policy-briefing-on-disclose-act>.